

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11 to 15 without prejudice, add new dependent claims 17 to 22, and amend claim 16 as follows:

Claims 1 to 15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) A haircutting machine, comprising:

- a handle (12) with a front handle end;

- an electric drive unit (54) contained in the handle (12); and

- a cutter head (16) arranged at said front handle end;

wherein said cutter head (16) comprises a stationary blade (18) and an oscillating blade (20) disposed above the stationary blade (19) in an operating position of the handle (12) so that the stationary blade (18) and the oscillating blade (20) define a cutting plane (22) that extends there between and the cutting plane (22) is inclined ~~downward~~ in relation to a longitudinal axis (24) of the handle (12);

wherein the cutting plane (22) encloses ~~a an adjustable~~ positive inclination angle ( $\alpha$ ) of 0 to 90° to the longitudinal axis (24) of the handle and the oscillating blade (20) is adjustable in relation to the stationary blade (18) in a longitudinal direction (55) of the cutting plane (22);

wherein the stationary blade (18) is arranged between the oscillating blade (20) and the handle (12); and

wherein the electric drive unit (54) contained in the handle (12) is connected

to the oscillating blade (20) through an opening (44) provide in the stationary blade (18) in order to drive the oscillating blade.

17. (new) The hair cutting machine as recited in claim 16, wherein said positive inclination angle ( $\alpha$ ) is from 0 to 45°.

18. (new) The hair cutting machine as recited in claim 16, wherein said positive inclination angle ( $\alpha$ ) is from 5 to 35°.

19. (new) The hair cutting machine as recited in claim 16, wherein said positive inclination angle ( $\alpha$ ) is approximately 30°.

20. (new) The hair cutting machine as recited in claim 16, further comprising an interchangeable cutter head (16) comprising the stationary blade (18) and the oscillating blade (20).

21. (new) The hair cutting machine as recited in claim 16, wherein the cutter head (16) comprises a flat covering (56) that covers part of the oscillating blade (20) in order to prevent cut hair strands from collecting on the oscillating blade.

22. (new) The hair cutting machine as recited in claim 16, wherein the positive inclination angle is adjustable.